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### For Bepresentatives in Congress to Ponder.

If among the Representatives in Congress who have been misled in the fort to refer the diplomatic negotiations of the United States to the legislative department there is now a single individual who contemplates with equanimity the inevitable consemences of such a course, the period lapsing before the House resumes its activities on Monday should be devoted by him to a survey of the conditions that attempt has already produced.

This review will compel, we feel sure, recognition of the fact that since the intrusive activities of a few Congressmen began, misunderstandings, misconstructions, false interpretations and untruths have flourished in Washington in a manner hitherto unprecedented; that malign influence has found in the confusion that has attended the debate its most fruitful opportunity, and that grave danger has arisen from the mere threat to alter the accepted and orderly method of transacting our foreign affairs.

Such being the case, how can any Member pursue a course whose perils have already been disclosed and whose inherent menace has been demonstrated by the events that have flowed from its mere suggestion?

## Verdun's Importance.

In the German offensive in the Verdun sector there is a calculated fury of assault and doggedness of purpose that suggest the generalship of HINDENBURG OF MACKENSEN. Indeed, the story is persistent that the conqueror of Serbia is on the ground. He was available, while HINDENBURG be seriously menaced by continuation could hardly be spared from the Russian front. General von Mackensen seems to be the favorite commander of the Kaiser, who may have selected him as a superman to isolate Verdun. If it cannot be taken by bombardment and assault, and to drive the French

That a supreme movement to break the deadlock on the Western front feints all along the line, against the British as well as the French. Whether, if the Germans succeed in their offensive in the Verdun sector. the advance will be made through the Argonne country, or from the away northeast of Rheims, no one can be sure but the German General Staff, and the development of the struggle from day to day may determine its choice. The shorter road to Paris is through Champagne.

dun sector are making them pay dearly for every square mile of terrain they take; moreover, General JOFFRE does not seem to have attempted a large concentration of intervals of temporary surplus may troops to defend his lines about Verdun. If he is not using his reserves It is because he is preparing to fight a great battle west of the Meuse on his own ground. Meanwhile Grand Duke Nicholas has taken Bitlis and s pushing south toward Mesopotamia, extension of transportation facilities His success spells the failure of all was the smallest in a half century German plans in Asia Minor. The and the largest mileage in the coun-Salonica campaign has probably been abandoned. In the Bukowina the ruptcy. Russians will soon assume the offensive. All of which means that the Germans must strike a smashing blow on the Western front, or the tide will soon set strong against them.

"Neurastheniacs." Horrid as it may be, the nation is "neurastheniacs." Mr. Byans of Tennessee, a modest, painstaking member, was presenting the legislative, tend regulation over railroads aggreexecutive and Judicial bill in the gated 1.093. thirty days vacation each year with no question of the paramountey of in the baseball season—and had many said:

full holidays. This seemed to picture a pleasant poke But Howard of Georgia. The

proposal, he said, would be "adding to the great army of neurastheniacs this Government work here has wrought." Mr. Bynns, when he rewas not aware "that there are any neurastheniacs in the departments." But Mr. Howard had aroused Mr.

demanded of Mr. Byans: "If the work is of a kind which exhausts a man in seven hours you are not going to make him more efficient by compelling him to labor eight hours."

It is believed that if the Washingtons start well and make a strong bld for penuant honors "neurastheniacs' will be found even in Congress There are some mighty fans there.

## Conservation of Bables.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has issued a call for general observance of the period from March 4 to March 11 as Baby Week. The Federation declares with truth that the baby who is well cared for and lives in hygienic surroundings has a far better chance of resisting disease in infancy and later than the baby whose parents are ignorant of the principles of infant care and for whom the community and parent together fail to provide a decent, well drained home, with plenty of clean water, clean milk and sunshine.

The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor regards Baby Week as an expedient for directing attention to the needs of bables which are well known to scientific authorities, and popular understanding of which would lead to great reduction in the loss of infant life. The bureau has published, for free distribution, a pamphlet with instructions for making Baby Week effective.

Modern life appears to exert an un favorable influence on the birth rate. The enormous loss of life caused by war has also led to more thoughtful consideration of methods for conserving the source of supply of this valuable asset to the nations. Thought is now seriously directed in Germany to the prenatal and subsequent care of infants, which is in striking contrast to the action of certain authorities in Berlin when, three years ago, NATHAN STRAUS endeavored to impress upon them the enormous value of his milk pasteurization scheme for the preservation of infants. After having convinced audiences at Heidelberg University by the success of the pasteurization process in diminishing infant mortality in a village near that city, he sought to introduce his beneficent practice into the infant hospitals of Berlin, but met with less success and more opposition than he had anticipated. "Sweet are the uses of adversity." The German authorities will probably appreciate his efforts at this crucial period, when the

of the infant mortality. It was a singular manifestation of human perversity that in a country which had produced Dr. Soxuter, the discoverer of milk sterilization, the improved method called pasteurizaacross the Meuse preparatory to an forsooth, it bears the name of a great tion should be neglected, because, be assigned for the opposition to the has been planned is indicated by the generous efforts of the American philanthropist.

## Federal Charters for Railroads.

Whether or not the only solution of the problems that the railroads must meet was indicated by "Civitas" in front in Champagne which curves the letter printed yesterday suggesting Federal charters for interstate lines, there is no doubt that our correspondent went to the heart of the greatest difficulty involved in public regulation of common carriers. Railroad subjection to the competing poli-At the present time the French if lies of national and State jurisdicnot holding the Germans in the Ver- tions is primarily responsible for the worst troubles afflicting the national transportation system and threatening the country with a breakdown of raffroad credit, no matter what bright

> occur. No other factor of hardship for capital invested in raffroads compares with the burden of clashing regulations. This contributed greatly to the depression of 1915, when the try's history was thrown into bank-

It was pointed out recently by Mr. Ofto H. Kahn that between 1912 and bookkeeping to the higher fields and 1915 more than 4,000 Federal of "credit and new business," audit and State legislative measures affect- ing and foreign exchange. ing the railroads were introduced. Of them more than 440 were enacted. railroad property. To the burden forced to contemplate the possibility of all kinds, and unnumbered city of Washington becoming a city of ordinances and the edicts of public commissions. Last year the bills introduced in the Legislatures to ex-

House and developed the fact that | If the rallroads were freed from the bill proposed to lengthen the hours | State control and put under exclusive of the 30,000 Government clerks em- Federal control a remedy for many ployed in the District of Columbia grave evils would be applied. Our from seven hours a day to eight. He correspondent, in advocating Federal softened the blow as much as might charters, made the statement that be by reminding members that the "Congress has jurisdiction over interclerks were well paid, were never state commerce, but not directly over laid off because of hard times, had intrastate commerce." There can be full pay, thirty days sick leave with Federal jurisdiction. Congress has full pay, worked only half a day on simply failed to assert it. In the Saturdays three months of the year- | Minnesota rate case Justice Hughes

"The authority of the State to preexistence of semi-leisure, but up for intrastate transportation is state- disinterested organizations, such as wide unless it be limited by the exer-

cise of a constitutional power of Congress with respect to interstate commerce and its instruments. Neither by the original act [Interstate Commerce bill introduced by a rural member of covered his breath, replied that he act], nor by its amendment has Congress sought to establish a unified control over interstate and intrastate rates. The State power continues until Congress does not and by its valid action LONDON, socialist of this town, who limits the exercise of the lo 1 author

A year later, in the so-called Shreveport rate case, Justice Hughes cleared up all debatable area in the field of jurisdiction, thus:

"This is not to say that Congress ossesses the authority to regulate the internal commerce of a State as such. but that it does possess the power to foster and protect interstate commerce and to take all measures necessary or appropriate to let in, although intrastate transactions of interstate parriers would thereby be controlled."

Everything done in the category of regulation of the railroads bears on spirit? their rates. Regulation by the States and the nation has made railroad operation increasingly unremunerative, through compulsory reduction of rates or prohibition of rate advances and through compulsory expansion of expenses. A way out of assert that complete and exclusive jurisdiction which the Federal Government has the right to exercise.

This might be done by Federal charters or by establishing the paramountcy of railroad control by the Interstate Commerce Commission organized more effectively for the pur-There are many students of the problem who favor the reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the broadening of its powers. In any event the railroad system is the least local and most national institution in our economic structure. Relief from the worst of its troubles can be afforded by relieving it from the multiple jurisdictions which oppress it.

## Waking Up the Colleges.

Colleges are supposed, and they pretend, to fit young men for life in this soms.—The Rev. J. R. CAMPBELL. world, not for existence in some utopian realm yet undiscovered save in country, without surrendering what by being brought into closer touch decoration she will ever wear. with business life.

Colleges, perceiving the need, have failed to create the opportunity for its satisfaction. The first practical future integrity of the empire would detailed programme of execution.

> training. College education, whether against the ex-dictator. justly or not, is increasingly held in exchanges, credits, economics, commercial geography and modern languages are to be given. It is proposed to begin this summer, with selected LA BARRA among its supporters. students from seven of the most prom-

inent Eastern universities. Both educators and business men will watch the working out of this plan with interest and, on one side or the other, some misgivings. But the colleges have agreed to give credit for the work done toward their degree, and the bank is to provide instructors to supervise the students' progress from the messenger department, check desk and mail desk, through the intricacles of collection

The colleges will wake up, the bank will gain, other businesses may profi-Most of these imposed burdens on tably follow suit; and bright lads at school will be blessed with excepmust be added the weight of taxation | tional opportunities to accelerate the hard process of "making good."

## Proposed in the Interest of Vice.

The police exercise, under the immediate control of the court, their present right to post uniformed patrolmen at the entrances to disorderly establishments. An aggrieved citizen can bring an action for relief, and if his cause is sound obtain an order removing the officer. This has been done frequently, and thus the most effective means possessed by the authorities to suppress certain forms of vice is properly safeguarded.

By diligently applying this system to the suppression of hotels of a not uncertain class the police have succeeded in improving conditions in this city materially. Acknowledgment of this fact rests not upon official proscribe what shall be reasonable charges testations but on the testimony of the Committee of Fourteen, which

has complete information of a situa tion of which most of us are happily ignorant. It is now proposed in a the Legislature to take from the

graded type. This measure has been appropri ately labelled "the underworld bill." Its object is to encourage the most detestable parasites that infest the community, and the mere statement of its purpose should spell its defeat.

Fear is expressed by friends of the Hon, WILLIAM G. SIMPSON, Michigan's newest candidate, that he may not win the Presidency because he once sang in a glee club. Still, this handicap has been overcome.

OLIVER OSBORNE'S ghost haunts MAR-SHALL.—Newspaper headline. But we thought Ouver was himself a ghost: what is the wraith of a

It is hard to tell whether the United States Senate so far as the Executive is concerned is on the offensive or the

A aliver cup will be given hereafter annually to the member of the Columthe embarrassment is for Congress to bia football team who makes the best score as a scholar. To be the highbrow quarterback, right guard or centre rush of the cleven will be an honor worth striving for. A field goal Greek or Latin is not unworthy the ambition of the brawniest football

> A divorce has been granted to a Kansas City man because his wife preferred New York to Kansas City as a place of residence. A reconciliation in this case ought to be practi-The released husband should cable. come from Missouri and be shown.

An American nurse died while I was there [at the British front in France]. North Carolina. the first to give her life in our cause. Yet this man. and her funeral was a sight to see and nurse that could be spared from duty, and every soldier too, wounded and not wounded could walk behind the coffin, did The coffin itself was covered

We can imagine the kind of woman that American nurse was: capable, the dreams of idealists. Discounting faithful, undaunted by the horrors of mains that college education in this tered. And the American nurse is improved in no other way so much as name of heroine is perhaps the only enough.

### The halls of Congress are paved with bad resolutions.

The Carranza Consul-General in Nev effort comes from outside the faculty York, Dr. Alfredo Caturegul, who room. The National City Bank of wants Sefor Francisco Leon De La office, by the action of mollycoddles who New York, in placing before Yale.

Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and overturn the present Mexican Govother universities of the East, and ernment is not likely to be accommo- the Hon. Theodore Roosevett, and that in half a dozen State universities in the dated. The arrest and detention of West, a carefully planned scheme of General HUERTA near the Texas-Mexcooperation, has rendered both to edudent, General HUERTA was charged cation and to business in this coun- with violating the neutrality laws by try a service as promising of benefit organizing a military expedition, and as it is extraordinary-though per, the fact that he was arrested in the feetly simple—in its conception and (now dead), whom he met by appointment at a tank railroad station near Modern business demands special the frontier, made a prima facie case

justly or not, is increasingly held in esteem as a credential for candidates for places of trust and responsibility.

But the college man going into business loses time, not necessarily in orienting himself to the new environment. The City Bank's plan is devised with the prime purpose of devised with the prime purpose of devised with the prime purpose of and arch-plotter Ciphano Castro was devised with the prime purpose of and arch-plotter Ciphano Castro was devised with the prime purpose of late, the makes the same mistake of counting help her to God, but it was too late, the makes the same mistake of counting help her to God, but it was too late, the makes the same mistake of counting help her to God, but it was too late, the makes the same mistake of counting help her to God, but it was too late, the milk supply of the city generally betwise with holidays.

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The German submarine commanders couldn't get the recall. Will their initiative lead to a referendum?

People misunderstood Mr. BRYAN'S DO sition regarding his relations with the President. They differ only on a few rinciples resulting from the war. These ct their political relati do not affect their political relations. Judge W. H. THOMPSON of Nebraska. Mr. BRTAN's "Gop bless you!" would indicate just as strongly that their friendly relations have not been af-

## MR. STRAUS ON DEFENCE. Behalf of Preparedness.

To the Editor of the Sun-Sir: I These "gallants" take it for granted have read with extreme satisfaction the that the place they occupied belongs to

right to whom within signalling distance in The Sun.

The two paragraphs that begin with the words, "At three different periods," the words, "At three different periods," the words, ec. contain the very heart of the whole subject; and, so far as I have read, no other writer has set forth that considerate!

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To the Edwick in the best possible state of defence, and necessar NEW YORK, March 4.

To the Entrop of The Sun-Sir: If "D.," whose letter is published in The Sun this morning, lives in Manhattan or The Bronk or in Westchester county, and will com-municate with his gas company, his gas range troubles will be remedied. It is possible his difficulty may be due To the Editor of The Sch.—Sir: It has to inefficient house piping. While the occurred to me that a way to alleviate the gas company has no control over house

to bring good cooking results. If the fault is to be found in the range if the gas company will speedily put the range in first class condition. If the trouble rests with the cook a home of "D." to give the cook instruc-

000 homes last year, giving these free cooking lessons. "D." should make his ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON.

NEW YORK, March 4.

# KENT OF KENTFIELD.

Should Congress Impeach Him for Prospects for American Consumers Joking Potential Heroes?

FRENCH WINES.

Are Not Bright.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Much

and the quantity of wine available

pagne famine.

us to our customers.

first and only importance. .

NEW YORK, March 4

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NEW YORK, March 4.

DERBY, Conn., March 3.

Why Should Ireland Not Be a Nation?

We Are Glad We Helped.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Ser!

motive

HOW LONG IS A YEAR?

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4 .-- How often it occurs in the proper study of peace officers the right thus to comsome sudden, unexpected bat criminals and to tie their hands revelation of character sends slitheragainst evildoers of the most deing down the winds a bunch of tenacious beliefs! Now, there is William Kent of Kentfield, Cal., who represents in Congress the First district of his State. Basing opinion upon facts of public record about the man, his pubic acts, speeches and published writings, most of us have believed that he was a wholly serious minded chap, addicted only to lofty thoughts related

to social and political uplift. To be sure, these notions were disturbed when in the Sixty-third Congress Kent retired from the Inde-pendent party in the House because "didn't like a crowd," the other member of the party in the House being Lafferty of Oregon. This seeme a bit wilful, not quite in character for a sobersides. But the shock passed when, Lafferty being kept at home b his constituents, Kent remobilized the Independent party in the House as its

The original impression is strengthened. Kent is a Yale bachelor and master of arts, and sometimes lectures at Harvard; his writings profoundly consider economic fundamentals. Residing temporarily in Chicago back in the middle '90s, having nothing else to do, he founded the Municipal Voters League, became a member of the City Council and kept thrashing around until he gave that astonished city an

In other respects he performed in manner which, while eccentric in the view of some, never aroused the sus-picion that he had the spirit of whimsicality strongly developed. One of the largest wool raisers in the country, he voted for free wool; fattening thousands of steers for the market, he voted for free cattle to compete in his market. Mr. Hull's income tax was too small to suit him, although his own income, minus the tax, enables him to maintain a private eighteen hole golf course on a little patch of 40,000 acres which he owns down in

Yet this man, suddenly refusing to run to form, bolts violently and shocks ing for Bordeaux myself to-night. every pension patriot in the House by introducing a bill. H. R 11331, making outrageous fun of the bill the House recently passed to establish in the the Stars and Stripes, and the grave War Department and in the Navy Department, respectively, a roll designated as "The Army and Navy Medal of Honor Roll."

In his bill Kent has a few "where kindly, sympathetic, self-sacrificing, ases" which plainly indicate his belief faithful, undaunted by the horrors of that the object of the Medal of Honor fairly the charges brought by critics war, and loved and respected by the bill is to bemedal certain veterans of too exclusively practical, the fact re- British soldiers to whom she minis- the Spanish war who were not allowed to show how heroically they found on all the fields of war in Eu- would have behaved if opportunity had rope. The story of her devotion to been given to them. He likes the idea is praiseworthy in its idealism, can be the wounded may never be told. The but complains that it does not go far There are potential heroes, he points out, even in times of peace He wants them attended to. Therefore he provides in his bill:

Sec. 1. That all persons in the United States of warlike aspirations who have been prevented from exhibiting their heroic ensideration of services that they might the canobling conditions of modern war. they should be granted medals of honor for latent superlative patriotism that they might have exhibited which might have more times. beyond the call of duty, if not precoddles aforesaid.

That out of moneys not other- reation heroes shall receive a pension of \$25 a another 52 days as Sundays. But per-her frontier, made a prima facie case ingainst the ex-dictator.

Señor DE LA BARRA arrived in this

Heroes shall receive a pension of \$25 a another 52 days as Sundays. But per-hut no, it is here yet. About twelve in this bill until the taking effect of haps he forgets that he has already of the best houses in town burned, and is the profession of milk from diseased cows. His action of the best houses in town burned, and was the profession of the best houses in town burned, and is the profession of milk from diseased cows. His action of milk from diseased cow

for a seat in Congress.

### MAN IN THE SUBWAY. A Feminine Opinion of Certain Decrees of Inescapable Fate.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: take pleasure in stating for the benefit of your correspondent "P. O'N.," who expresses the opinion in The Sun that spends of all the low bred, ignorant men I than most of us who with a bow and a smile tenders his seat in the street car to a woman," that in my perfectly good opinion the next most unfortunate thing to "being orn a female" is to be born a conceited MRS. II. GREAT KILLS, S. I., March 4.

### Proprietary Rights Among the Straphangers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir; "P. O'N.s" letter in THE SUN strikes a responsive note in me and offers a vent long pent up feelings on a subject tion he can rest or hat men fight shy of alluding to in polite society.

The proverbial red flag to a bull is a flag of truce compared with the effect upon me of the action of the man who sweepingly brushes aside the subdued An Appreciation of His Argument In straphanger to give the seat he occupied until the end of his journey to the lady

> Oscar S. Straus on them in perpetuity and transfer their ight to whom within signalling distance

The man who gives up his seat in a cleeting their chiefs and public conveyance simply because he is spirit of their Brehon laws. getting out here" is not merely a cad,! an imposture, giving away something t does not belong to him, and he should be branded as a confidence man and pitched out of the window NEW YORK, March 4. BEN THERE.

entirely too low for the service furnished the speed afforded and the distances cov-

ered by the express trains.

support during the campaign which is just closing. As you know, our efforts to raise excessive crush in the subways and at the \$40,000 were crowned with success, and we | BROOKLTN, March 4. piping, the company is always ready to same time to add something to the city's suggest any change that should be made revenues—if, as I understand it, the city fully appreciate the fact that your support was a potent factor in advancing our mas the gainer by any increased earnings f the Interborough system-would be to terial welfare.

In behalf of the association I desire t charge a ten cent fare on all express express our sincere appreciation and hear; trains, or an excess fare on those trains SAIDE RIGHEY WILE. during certain hours. Surely the fares charged at present are NEW YORK. March 4.

> To THE EDITOR OF THE SEN-Sir: I would respectfully suggest the Film Café and ness the Restaurant in this city as a satisfying with. Would it not be worth while trying, by appropriate legislation, to see how this exheadquarters for THE SUN's immortals. WILLIAM PRNN HOLDER LAPATETTE B. GLEASON.

Barmecide Feast for the Immortale

LIFE IN OKLAHOMA.

A Ministerial Account of the Dull Routine of a Boom Town.

From the Titusville, Pa., Herald. The Rev. J. M. Critchlow, who is spending the winter at Lake Alfred, Fla., to recent wine vintages in France has sent the Herald a letter regarding conditions at the oil town of Wirt, Okla., from the Rev. Albert Bean, a former readers to know the facts.

To take champagne first; the entire output of 1914 and also of last year is still in vats and has not been bottled. No bottles are to be had in France at the health of th chiefly, of course, champagne and claret. It may be of interest, therefore, to your No bottles are to be had in France, all house, and since that time the minister he bottle factories in that country have has been working at Wissen

I can personally bear witness that the a year ago.

As sparkling wines are generally bottled in the spring following the vintage, what sort of wine the champagnes of 1914 and of 1915 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1914 and of 1915 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1915 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 and of 1915 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 and of 1915 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 and of 1915 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 and of 1916 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 and 1916 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 and 1916 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 and 1916 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 and 1916 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 and 1916 will be may be left to the champagnes of 1916 wil to the imagination, certainly not cham-pagne in the sense of which we think for Florida and Crawford county. Mr. Bean's letter fully substantiates

of it. Moreover, last year's vintage, both champagne and red wines, was alaround Wirt: most an utter failure. Only one-sixth of a normal crop was secured, and owing

"WIRT, Okla., Feb. 18, 1916. To Rev. J. M. Critchlow and family

to the absence of expert labor the qualgreetings.
"MY DEAR BROTHER IN THE LORD: This leaves me in usual health and rich in the things that make for my peace. I been insufficient.

There was no vintage worth the name after 1966 until 1911, when half a crop of good grapes was harvested. A shortage, already serious, was greatly aggratized by the heavy requisitions of the ligion like life preservers, only when the people use their reage, already serious, was greatly aggra-vated by the heavy requisitions of the warring Governments for wines of all warring Governments for wines of all there is a storm or a fire on. They pass kinds for the front. The vineyards of France, many already devastated, are monly, but if they want to get married, or be buried, or are afflicted with a bad war, as seems inevitable, be of long duration, it will take years of patient cultivation to restore the vines. there is a storm or a fire on. They pass old preacher. See? So I have been a dumping ground for all kinds of trouble since the fire, to hunt the poor and Hence, for the first time in history, hunt the poor and world is threatened with a chamhungry, and see to all wants, agne famine. are plenty enough. Well, God gives in claret, conditions are worse. The me grace for it all. Amen. tuation is best indicated by the fol-Well. God gives

n is best indicated by the fol-extracts from letters just reture show, taking in the doings of per-haps twenty days, and if you smell ceived from one of the chief houses in haps twenty days, and it you ceived from one of the chief houses in haps twenty days, and it you ceived from one of the chief houses in haps twenty days, and it you read it, then pi prance, with branches in London and brimstone while you read it, then pi me right here in the hell of Oklahoma. we had a bombshell sprung upon us eight days ago when the Military Governor of France asked us for a list of all our wines, which we got immediately, and the church window. No. 2.—

Another man died the same morning from a two weeks drunk. No. 3.—A

requisitioned a large lot of them for the man with a wooden leg beat his wife York city had the highest death rate use of the army. It amounts to nearly hearly to death, and had to be run away of any large city in the world, sanitary 12,000 hogsheads, of these — were al- in an auto to save a necktie party. No. conditions were bad, much of the drinkready sold, among which are those for 4.-- A joint raided with two men and ing water supplied to the city was im-The requisition is dated January one woman in it, and afterward the 21. We immediately protested against house was burned, and the woman these — hogsheads being included, but burned in it. No. 5.—A one armed man Among the first got the reply that it was a case of force ordered to throw up his hands, and as was the adoption ajeure, which, according to the law of ic country, cancels all obligations from to our customers. • • Am leavito our customers our customers. • • Am leavito our customers our and the requirements of the soldiers are of lace the wines for — puzzles me, but am afraid — will have to go without place the wines for — puzzles me, but I am afraid — will have to go without them. It is no use of your blaming us, you must address your complaint to the French Ambassador at Washington. There practically exists nothing to-day in Bordeeux of any kind of wines red or white under 1,000 francs. The minimum price will very soon go up to 1,200, 1,500 and 1800 and 18 1,800 france, and soon there will be nothing at all available at any price. Many to see her tump. Waterloo soon after. I went to see and pray with bim, but his hide was so per-Many cornmust forated with .38 calibre bullets that I
only, don't think he would hold religion if he
"the superintendents of the road" vineyards have been turned into corn-land for want of laborers and 1916 must The situation is absolutely unprecedented.

The wines quoted above are the cheapreel show, and will call recess now. The above all happened within seven miles existed at its minimum." T est grades of table clarets, the normal prices of which are from 450 to 550 of Wirt, and much of it I saw. Oh, ves. to-day there was a supposed suicide. I smoke by neutra authorities went to see him and pray with him, but ALEXANDER MORTEN. He died at noon, and a man is arrested

r his death.
"Now since I have led you up gradu-Serious Mathematical Problem for the Tired Business Man.

To the Editor of George S. Crittenden's, with his careful computation that man works but three whole days a year, is amusbut three whole days a year, is amus . He reaches his result, however, fire. Everything lost. No. 2.—Satur-caused the organization of the counting the same things two and day morning at 2 A. M. I heard shoot-corp for vaccination. In that year ling, calling and screaming. I ran to department reported the vaccination of First he takes a year of 366 days and my tent door to see the end of the town 125,000 persons lets his hard worker devote eight hours next to the church all on fire, and the In 1892 Dr. Ernst J. Lederle, who we daily to sleep and eight hours to rec- screaming was that of a girl 22 years then acting chemist of the department old burning in it. Oh, I would that I made a far reaching extension of the d-might get away from that pitcous cry, partment's powers in seizing 706 gallon

S holidays and 14 days of vacation.

All right, the total of these is a hundred days. But two Sundays and two Saturday half holidays will fall in the vacation period. So there are only 97 days when our business man does not do six and a half hours work. Taking 97 from 366 we have 269 days of six and one-half hours each. That is 1.748½ hours work in the year, or nearly 73 days of twenty-four hours each. This should be correct, unless one or more holidays fall within the two more holidays fall within the two or more holidays fall within the two deeks vacation.

Some of these things will be teld as duminer, and grain and even shooting.

Some of these things will be teld as duminer, and it should an another was shot in the leg.

The people came from their homes to see and on looking over to the Dunder of the dinner.

NEARING VERDICT IS UPHELD to the dinner.

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Columbia's Alumni Organ Attacks to the surface and hundreds of people without home or bedding or food. Reel No. 5.—

The storm whirled to the south and thundreds of University yearday to the ditorial attacking the ruling of the recently organized American Association of University Professors, an outgrowth. or more holdays fail within the two der bounds, little the south and thunster below the storm whitest to be south and thunster below the storm whitest to be south and thunster below the storm whitest to be south and thunster by the storm whitest to be south and the south brother, I confess I was at a loss to deciding questions of academic discipling where it would end, after the Aland to that extent it approves by

THE SUN of February 29 E. W. Townsend tries by quoting passages from the Holy Scripture to prove the right to kill men in war and by the same Scripture condemns the highwayman for doing the same thing and office fighting to the Lord condemns the highwayman for doing the same thing and office fighting to the Lord condemns the highwayman for doing the same thing and office fighting to the Lord condemns the highwayman for doing the same thing and office fighting to the Lord condemns the highwayman for doing the same thing and office fighting the same thing are same than the same thing and office fighting the same thing are same than the same tha am having a good time, some are get-ting to the Lord, and we have good meetings, a large Sunday school, and will start meetings at Dundee next the behest of the university authory the same thing and often from the same motive.

If he is not fully convinced in his own inind and will turn to Matt. xxii., 37, 38, 39 and 40, I think he will find a foundation.

Ways.

ALBERT BEAN."

What John Jay Thought of Defence. there was positive denial that such TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir; In the case.

No. IV. of "The Federalist" John Jay said [italics his]: "The people of To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: In his America are aware that inducements to etter to The Sun Mr. J. J. O'Donovan war may arise . . . Wisely, thereletter to The StN Mr. J. J. O'Donovan does not seem to have read much Irish history, or at least he does not seem to have gone back very far. I should like to ask him these questions: Why should not Ireland aspire to separate nationhood?

And especially in view of what is happendard in the left of the lef

## To THE EDITOR OF THE BUN-Sir: When received.

a Welsbach gas burner gets old it turns the mantle black in a short time. To remedy this take off the burner and little tip and put a pin through the hole in the tip, then blow through it. Do the same to hairman of the committee on publicity of the other parts of the burner. Then put the campaign committee of the Manhathan back the little tip, put on the mantle, turn \$1,000; Mueller, Schall & Co., canville Nursery Association permit me to on the gas full force, and in about twenty William Knauth, \$1,000; Charles express to you our appreciation of your minutes or less the black will be all burned bardt, \$1,600; John Stemme, \$2,000; John Stemme, \$ the electricity.
(Mrs.) Kathering Known.

Independent Investigator Indores the Ro-gan Ink Accelerator. Ville artists, including Sylvestor for, will appear. The estimates fountain pen has recently been a subject a day

of interest to many readers of The Sun.
I recently noticed a letter from "J. E. S.,"

New Rector in Brook! che criticises your correspondent James Bishop McDonnell Rogan, but I think the latter has preand ness that these poor things may be afflicted intended for fountain pens.

North 4. Experiences.

# **HEALTH BOARD FETE NOW 50 YEARS OLD**

Half Century of Achievement to Be Celebrated With

Banquet at Plaza.

MAYOR TO BE A SPEAKER

The New York City Health Department will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment next Thursday night with a banquet at the Plaza Hotel Health Commissioner Haven Emerse: will preside.

Mayor Mitchel will speak on "The Health Department's Place in the Cay Government," City Chamberlain Hear, Bruere on "The Future of the Health pepartment," State Health Comm Hermann Biggs on "The Scientific Con trol of Infectious Diseases," Dr. Walter James, president of the Academy of Medicine, and the Public Health"; Supt. William Welch of the Baltimore pital on "The National Preventive Medicine," and Dr. Stepher Smith, who was a member of the first Board of Health when it was established fifty years ago, on "The Develope of the Health Department as Scer a Pioneer."

As at present constituted the Health Department dates from 1866, when the Metropolitan Health Board was formed to safeguard the health of the residents of the cities of New York and Brooklyn and the counties of Westchester, Queen Richmond and Nassau.

Great Changes in Fifty Years. Fifty years has seen great changes

Among the first acts of the new board was the adoption of regulations fixing a he only lifted one hand he was shot, standard for illuminating oil, providing

Well, he met his In 1874 the health authorities under I went to see and his hide was so per-Harlem and Hudson River Railroad trains on Fourth avenue, Surprising as "the superintendents of the roads mer "Well, I have given you an eleven tioned cheerfully adopted the existed at its minimum." This is the

The first publication of the Healt Department was issued in 1874. a simple one page leafiet on the care of infants and was distributed among the

of milk from diseased cows.

mighty took a hand in it, and I confess

I felt quite religious for a few hours

| And to that extent it approves the plication the dismissal of Prof. Near by the Pennsylvania trustees. But let

There is no suggestion that the eto sound a note of warning to Columb ultra radicals. When inquiry was m at the offices of the News in East H

BAZAAR TO RAISE \$750,000

Among them are Ehret, \$10,000; Jacob Ruppes Fritz Achelis, \$1,000 Buelz, \$1,000; Arthur Pavenstent, 54 P. C. Nortz, \$1,000; Albert Tag. \$1,000. The total amount alread is \$140,000. German singers of renown an

ance will be from 15,000 to 25,000 peo.

day the appointment of the B ness that these poor things may be afflicted with. The Knelpp treatment is good enough for mother-in-laws, but never was intended for fountain pene.

NEW YORK, March 4. EXPERIENCED.